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REMARKS

The Office action of 06/30/2005 indicated that claims 57-78 had been pending in the application and that claims 62-66 and 71-78 were directed to allowable subject matter.

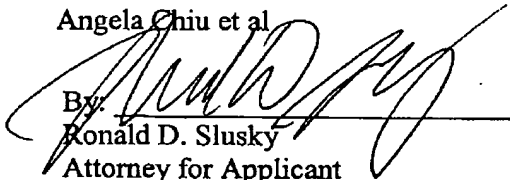
Applicants' records show that claims 57-79 had been pending. It is believed that claim 79 would also have been deemed directed to allowable subject matter since it depends from claim 74.

Claims 1-61 and 68-70 are now canceled. Applicants do not intend by such cancellation to be conceding that applicants necessarily agree with the grounds of rejection set forth in the Office action vis-à-vis claims 57-61 and 68-70. Rather, per the assignee's usual procedure in such cases, applicants have chosen to allow the present application to mature into an issued patent with the claims that have been allowed, preserving the right and the option to pursue the canceled claims—or claims similar thereto—in a continuation application should that prove desirable.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the claims now in the application—including claim 79 that was inadvertently not referred to in the Office action—are all in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is requested.

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